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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE INFORMAL VISIT BY MRS. SADAT TO US

REF: STATE 10436

1. AS AUTHORIZED REFTTEL, I DISCUSSED WITH BOTH FAHMY AND AFAF FAHMY YESTERDAY, ON AN INFORMAL BASIS, THE POSSIBILITY OF MRS. SADAT VISITING THE US IN CONJUNCTION WITH HER UPCOMING TRIP TO MEXICO. I SAID THAT, IF SHE WISHES TO DO SO, WE WOULD WELCOME HER AS A GUEST OF USG AND BE PREPARED TO ARRANGE AN ITINERARY ENABLING HER TO VISIT THE VARIOUS REHABILITATION HOSPITALS IN WHICH SHE PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED AN INTEREST. WE WERE IN NO WAY PRESSING, BUT WANT THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. SADAT TO KNOW OF OUR DESIRE TO FACILITATE SUCH IF VISIT IF DESIRED. WHILE APPRECIATIVE, FAHMY WONDERED OUT LOUD WHETHER MRS. SADAT CAN MAKE SUCH A VISIT BEFORE THE RESULTS OF THE US POLICY REAPPRAISAL ARE KNOWN AND CONSIDERED HERE. HE AGREED TO SOUND OUT THE PRESIDENT ON THIS POSSIBILITY.

2. THIS MORNING FAHMY TELEPHONED TO SAY HE HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH THE PRESIDENT. SADAT HAD SAID HE WISHES TO REFLECT ON IT AND WILL DISCUSS IT FURTHER WITH FAHMY IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. FAHMY AVERS THE PRESIDENT IS ALSO WORRIED ABOUT POSSIBLE ARAB CRITICISM WHICH A VISIT TO THE US BY MRS. SADAT MIGHT ELICIT BEFORE THE ARABS ARE SURE OF THE RESULTS OF OUR POLICY REAPPRAISAL.

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3. I EMPHASIZED THAT MY QUERY WAS PURELY INFORMAL.
THE DECISION WAS CLEARLY ENTIRELY UP TO THE PRESIDENT.
WE SIMPLY WANT HIM AND MRS. SADAT TO KNOW THAT
USG WILL BE PLEASED TO HOST MRS. SADAT AFTER HER MEXICAN
TRIP IF THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. SADAT THINK SUCH A VISIT
WOULD BE USEFUL. WE, OF COURSE, LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY
WHEN THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. SADAT CAN GO TO THE US ON
THE OFFICIAL VISIT THAT OUR TWO SIDES HAVE LONG DISCUSSED.
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